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Woodlots Make All the Difference

*"Your woodlot is, in fact, a historical document
which faithfully records your personal philosophy."*

– Aldo Leopold, Father of
Wildlife Conservation

Even the smallest WOODLOT is a BIG DEAL!

Have you considered improving the health and productivity of the woods on your property?

Did You Know?

Your Woodlot Can:

- help wildlife
- clean water
- conserve soil
- clean air
- provide wood
- grow edibles
- teach children and much more!

With Inputs As Simple As:

- a management plan
- habitat improvement
- species diversity management
- tree vigor work
- trail layout
- exotic, invasive species control or removal

Did You Know?

the vast majority of “forest landowners” own less than 10 acres?

Natural resource managers often call these areas “small woodlots”. Small woodlots, such as the one you may have on your property, play an important role.

To you because woodlots can be worked and enjoyed for your own personal reasons, and to your community because forests provide a number of ecological and aesthetic benefits to society.

The majority of people do not give trees or these small woodlots a second thought, except maybe when beautiful fall colors entice a second glance. Believe it or not, tree covered ground is the single best land use for providing clean water, something we cannot live without.

Trees also provide many other benefits such as carbon sequestration, improved air quality, wildlife habitat, biomass opportunities, recreational outlets and more!

Owners of even just a few acres can make a positive difference in their environment through planning and implementing simple management strategies and practices.

What is Next?

Perhaps you are a do it yourselfer, but don't know where to start. Or, perhaps you are too busy but still want to do the right thing for your woods. Don't worry. Professionals working specially in small woodlot management can help!

People to help you get started:

- State Forestry Agency Offices
- Extension Offices
- Private Forestry Consultants
- Certified Arborists
- Landscape Architects
- Others

Resources to Help You Get Started:

The Woods in Your Backyard: Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home this is a self-guided, full color manual to help users through goal identification and offers guidance to achieve these various goals. It's available for order at: www.nraes.org

Related resources available online at:

<http://www.naturalresources.umd.edu/Backyard.cfm>

Backyard Woods: Bring Your Vision to Life this 44 page, full color guide covers 12 topics related to small woodlot planning, protection, management, and more. Also included are 12 tip sheets. It's available to order or download at: <http://www.arboday.org/backyardwoods/>

